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MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel White

SUBJECT : Printing of NIS Gazetteers and Their Sale by the Superintendent of Documents

1. Officials of the Agency and officials of the Board on Geographic Names, Department of Interior, which does all of the research and preparation of material included in the NIS Gazetteers, desire to make this publication available to all Government agencies, geographic societies and the general public. Logistics has made a preliminary survey of the technical phase of the preparation and printing of the Gazetteers, and advises that:

a. The Gazetteers, which are unclassified, are presently printed at the Government Printing Office field plant and folded, bound and finished at the Agency

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b. The Gazetteers could be placed on sale by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office. This might require having the printing done at the main GPO plant and published as material for the Board on Geographic Names, with the reference to NIS and CIA deleted from the copies offered for sale.

c. The main GPO plant now does considerable unclassified printing for the Agency, such as forms. The Gazetteers are unclassified, and no attempt is made to keep them, their contents or the Agency relationship a secret.

d. Having the main GPO plant complete the Gazetteers will release Agency folding and binding equipment for other work, and improve the publication of the documents.

2. Logistics, before proceeding further with this study, requests reconsideration of your previous feeling regarding having work done at the main GPO plant and approval of letting the main GPO plant print the publications and place them on public sale.

3. Recommend approval.

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